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MY NAME IS CATHY ROMERO, I LIVE IN WINSLOW MAINE. I WORK AT RIVERVIEW AND I SUPPORT LD 1761 AN ACT TO INCLUDE CERTAIN MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS UNDER THE 1998 SPECIAL PLAN FOR RETIREMENT.

I HAVE WORKED AT RIVERVIEW AND AMHI FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS. I HAVE SEEN MANY GOOD THINGS HAPPEN. HAVE SEEN PATIENTS COME IN AT THERE WORST AND LEAVE AT THERE BEST. I HAVE ALSO SEEN AND FELT PHYSICAL

PAIN FROM ASSAULTIVE PATIENTS. I PERSONALLY HAVE HAD MY SHOULDER, HAD HAIR PULLED OUT THE SIZE OF HALF DOLLAR, PUNCHED IN THE FACE, SPIT AT AND NOT TO MENTION THE MENTAL ABUSE FROM THE PATIENTS . I KNOW THAT IT DOES NOT COMPARE TO THE WORK OF A PRISON GUARD OR POLICE BUT THE STRESS IS REAL AND CONSTANT. WE DO NOT HAVE THE SAME TOOLS THAT THE PRISON OR POLICE HAVE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES. ALL WE HAVE IS OUR VOICE AND OTHER STAFF MEMBERS. AFTER 35 YEARS I'M TIRED AND I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SAY THAT I GAVE 100% BUT THE TRUTH IS CAN ANYONE SAY THAT AFTER 35 YRS MY BEST MAY NOT BE ENOUGH
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME FOR LISTENING.